

11/12/21 UPDATE:

All lanes on northbound I-55, between U.S. 30 and Illinois 126, in Plainfield and Joliet, reopened to traffic earlier today.

Southbound I-55, between U.S. 30 and Illinois 126, is rescheduled to open, weather permitting, Tuesday morning, Nov.16.

As the project nears completion, some additional work remains, including guardrail replacement and other miscellaneous items. Intermittent overnight lane closures will be required through late November to complete the work.

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Will County: I-55 lane closures begin Sunday

Project part of several to Rebuild Illinois, improve key travel, freight corridor

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that the left lane of northbound Interstate 55 between U.S. 30 and Illinois 126, in Plainfield and Joliet, will be closed starting Sunday night, July 11, for pavement patching and bridge repairs. The improvements are part of several planned along I-55 in the next two years to rehabilitate a critical travel and freight corridor for Will County and the entire state, an investment made possible by the Gov. Pritzker’s historic, bipartisan Rebuild Illinois capital program.

“Interstate 55 connects one end of the state to the other and in many ways is the backbone of our entire interstate system,” said Illinois Transportation Secretary Omer Osman. “This project will not only improve transportation for the Will County area, but it will make a vital corridor for the state’s economy easier to travel and safer for freight activity and tourism.”

Starting at 9 p.m. Sunday, one lane of northbound I-55 for roughly 4.5 miles will be closed to accommodate a series of bridge deck overlays, shoulder reconstructions and full-depth patching repairs between Weber Road and Interstate 80. A similar lane closure will take place in the southbound direction in approximately two weeks, resulting in I-55 between Illinois 126 and U.S. 30 reduced to two lanes in each direction until the overall \$6 million project between Weber Road and I-80 is complete this fall.

Occasional overnight lane closures will be scheduled, as needed, between Illinois 126 and Weber Road and between U.S. 30 and I-80.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to flaggers and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits and be on the alert for workers and equipment.

Several other projects on I-55 are currently underway or will be starting in the coming months:

- **Interstate 55 at Madison Street**
Deck overlay and bridge repairs. All lanes of I-55 will be maintained throughout construction, with occasional overnight lane closures as needed. The project started earlier this spring and is anticipated to be completed in late 2023.
- **I-55 at Lemont Road**
The existing bridge will be replaced with a wider bridge, with the interstate reconstructed to accommodate the wider structure. All lanes of I-55 and access to Lemont Road will be maintained throughout the project. Work is scheduled to begin later this summer and completed in fall 2023.
- **I-55 from Interstate 80 to U.S. 52 (Jefferson Street)**
The project will convert the existing Illinois 59 interchange into a diverging diamond interchange and add auxiliary lanes along both sides of I-55. Three lanes of I-55 in both directions will be maintained throughout construction, with one lane in each direction on local routes. Starting in spring 2021, a new bridge will be constructed as part of advance work for the new diverging diamond interchange. The remainder of the work is scheduled to begin in winter 2021/2022 and anticipated to wrap up in fall 2023.
- **I-55 from north of River Road to north of the I&M Canal**
Resurfacing project, with rumble strips installed on shoulders. Overnight lane closures will be required, with multiple weekend lane closures anticipated. The project started earlier this spring and is anticipated to be completed in late fall.
- **I-55 from south of I-80 to Weber Road**
Rehabilitation of the bridges that carry I-55 over U.S. 30, Canadian National Railroad and Mink Creek and the Materials Service abandoned railroad. Two lanes of I-55 will be maintained between the bridges throughout construction. Overnight lane closures are anticipated. The project started earlier this summer and is anticipated to be completed in late fall.

- **I-55 at Illinois 53 and I-55 at Joliet Road**

Both structures will be redecked and widened. Three lanes of I-55 in both directions will be maintained throughout construction and overnight lane closures are anticipated. Work is scheduled to begin later this summer and completed in fall 2023.

- **I-55 at Weber Road**

Converting the existing interchange into a diverging diamond. The overall project, which includes adding a third lane to each direction of Weber Road between 135th Street/Romeo Road and 119th Street/Rodeo Road, wraps up in early 2022.

- **I-55 over the Kankakee River**

Bridge deck overlay and joint repairs. I-55 will be reduced to one lane in each direction from south of Lorenzo Road to north of River Road. The project is scheduled to begin this fall and completed in summer 2022.

Over the next six years, IDOT is planning to improve more than 3,535 miles of highway and 9 million square feet of bridge deck as part of the Rebuild Illinois capital program, which is investing \$33.2 billion into all modes of transportation. Accomplishments through Year Two included approximately \$5.2 billion of improvements statewide on 3,020 miles of highway, 270 bridges and 428 additional safety improvements.

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